

2008 SENATE REPUBLICANS



Senate Republicans have passed several initiatives to create jobs, protect Michigan families and reform state government.



SENATE REPUBLICANS:

2008 ACHIEVEMENTS



CREATING JOBS AND JUMPSTARTING OUR ECONOMY:

- **Phased-out the MBT surcharge.**
PASSED Senate Bill 1242; awaiting House action.
- **Approved the Downtown Development legislative package.**
PASSED & SIGNED 7 Bills. (PAs 204, 225-230 of 2008)
- **Adopted the Film Incentive package.**
PASSED & SIGNED 14 Bills. (PAs 74-87 of 2008)
- **Approved legislation supporting Michigan tourism.**
PASSED & SIGNED 5 Bills. (PAs 98-102 of 2008)
- **Removed sales tax from the definition of gross receipts in the MBT.**
PASSED Senate Bill 1038; awaiting House action.



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CREATING JOBS AND JUMPSTARTING OUR ECONOMY:

- Provided incentives to help spur investment and expansion by solar manufacturing companies in Michigan.
PASSED & SIGNED 7 Bills. (PAs 262-267 and 270 of 2008)
- Increased small business tax relief by allowing more firms to qualify for the small business credit and the Michigan Entrepreneurial credit.
PASSED Senate Bill 1198; awaiting House action.
- Secured millions in federal dollars to fund airport improvement projects.
PASSED & SIGNED. (PA 165 of 2008)
- Approved Brownfield tax credit bill.
PASSED & SIGNED. (PA 89 of 2008)



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CREATING JOBS AND JUMPSTARTING OUR ECONOMY:

- Allowed tax abatement with local approval to urban grocery stores offering fresh foods.

PASSED & SIGNED. (PA 231 of 2008)

- Clarified that certain payments to subcontractors and purchases of materials are not subject to the Michigan Business Tax.

PASSED & SIGNED. (PA 177 of 2008)

- Provided a refundable state income tax credit to homeowners equal to the amount of their “pop-up tax.”

PASSED Senate Bills 790, 791 and 1065; awaiting House action.

- Passed Renewable Fuels legislation to increase the use and production of biofuels in Michigan that includes biodiesel standards and tax relief for purchasing new biomass harvesting machinery.

PASSED Senate Bills 1119-1123, 1126-1130 and 1132; awaiting House action.



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CREATING JOBS AND JUMPSTARTING OUR ECONOMY:

- Prohibited the state from establishing costly, mandatory ergonomic standards that go beyond any other state or federal requirement.
PASSED Senate Bill 843; awaiting House action.
- Extended Renewable Energy Renaissance Zones to include biodiesel and ethanol plants.
PASSED & SIGNED. (PAs 116 and 117 of 2008)
- Allowed more communities to use SmartZones for economic growth.
PASSED & SIGNED. (PAs 104 and 105 of 2008)
- Provided a refundable tax credit to companies that attract other businesses to Michigan.
PASSED & SIGNED. (PAs 88 and 92 of 2008)



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PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES:

- Enhanced Michigan's child protection laws.
PASSED 4 Senate Bills.
Senate Bill 1418 **SIGNED**. (PA 300 of 2008)
Senate Bills 1419-1421 awaiting House action.
- Created permanency options for judges dealing with foster care children.
PASSED & SIGNED 5 Bills. (PAs 199-203 of 2008)
- Made common-sense reforms in the sharing of information on child safety and licensing.
PASSED & SIGNED. (PA 15 of 2008)



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PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES:

- Completed Military Veterans' legislative agenda.
PASSED & SIGNED 11 Bills. (PAs 28, 133, 138, 139, 141, 143, 144, 151, 163, 176, and 243 of 2008)
- Stopped Illegals from obtaining a drivers' license.
PASSED & SIGNED 3 Bills. (PAs 7, 31 and 32 of 2008)
- Enacted legislation to divest from countries supporting terrorism.
PASSED & SIGNED 13 Bills. (PAs 232-239, 256 and 271-274 of 2008)
- Enhanced child safety by expanding the state's booster seat requirements.
PASSED & SIGNED. (PA 43 of 2008)



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PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES:

- Allowed an income tax credit for individuals donating to food banks or homeless shelters.
PASSED & SIGNED. (PA 207 of 2008)
- Protected mourning families from funeral protesters.
PASSED & SIGNED. (PA 166 of 2008)
- Eased various paperwork requirements for new pistol purchases.
PASSED & SIGNED. (PAs 194, 195 and 196 of 2008)
- Established state laws to reduce gang membership and gang violence.
PASSED Senate Bills 291, 292, 660, and 661; awaiting House action.
- Allowed state court judges and retired judges to carry a concealed pistol in a “no carry” zone.
PASSED Senate Bill 505; awaiting House action.



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PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES:

- Revised Michigan's organ donation laws.
PASSED & SIGNED. (PAs 36-41 of 2008)
- Reformed abortion parental consent waivers to end “judge shopping.”
PASSED Senate Bill 1059; awaiting House action.
- Banned partial birth abortions.
PASSED Senate Bill 776.
Finally **PASSED** by the House.
VETOED by the Governor.



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PRESERVING OUR ENVIRONMENT:

- Adopted the Great Lakes Compact and Water Withdrawal legislation.
PASSED & SIGNED 12 Bills. (PAs 179-190 of 2008)
- Approved comprehensive Green Energy package.
PASSED Senate Bills 1000, 1040 and 1041; awaiting House action.
- Enacted Energy and RPS legislation with efficiency programs.
PASSED & SIGNED 3 Bills. (PAs 286, 287 and 295 of 2008)



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MAKING HEALTH CARE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE:

- Addressed individual market reform.
PASSED House Bills 5282 and 5283 as substituted by Senate.
Senate substitutes **REJECTED** by House.
House Bills 5284 and 5285 **REFERRED** to Senate Committee.
- Expanded the prescription drug comparison Web site.
PASSED Senate Bill 525; awaiting House committee action.



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PROTECTING MICHIGAN CONSUMERS:

- Approved Mortgage Loan Officer Registration package.
PASSED & SIGNED 14 Bills. (PAs 59-72 of 2008)
- Adopted Gift Card legislative package.
PASSED & SIGNED 4 Bills. (PAs 208-211 of 2008)
- Approved the Appraiser Coercion measures.
PASSED 4 Bills; awaiting House action. (SBs 342, 343, 356 and 432)



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REFORMING GOVERNMENT:

- Required disclosure of Legal Defense Funds of elected officials.
PASSED & SIGNED Senate Bill 1263 and House Bill 4001. (PAs 288 & 289 of 2008)
- Provided for planning law consolidation.
PASSED & SIGNED. (PA 33 of 2008)
- Changed reference to “combat zone” to “mobilized for military duty” for purposes of allowing military personnel to renew occupational license.
PASSED Senate Bill 606; awaiting House action.
- Reinstated airboat restrictions concerning noise and hours of operation.
PASSED & SIGNED. (PA 152 of 2008)